



**Washington State Examining Board Of Psychology  
Telephonic Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2002 8:30 AM**

Board Members Present: Gloria Rose Koepping, Ph.D.; Chair, Dean Funabiki, Ph.D., Vice-Chair; Patricia Hanson, Psy.D.; John Ramirez, Ph.D.; Douglas Uhl, Psy.D.  
Ray Harry, Public Member, Lisa Richesson, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Robinson, Ph.D., Joanne Ito, Ph.D.

Staff Present: Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director; Kathy Devine, Administrative Assistant, Marc Defreyn, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

**Open Session**

1. 8:30 AM - Call to Order – The Board will reviewed and approved today's meeting agenda.
2. Oral and Jurisprudence Examination - The Board discussed the implementation of revisions to the oral examination and status of the jurisprudence examination. Board staff presented proposals for administration of the January 2003 examination and asked the Board for a decision. **Decision: The Board decided to use the vignette(s) developed by the Board for the oral examination and identify three to five jurisprudence questions to be included in the oral examination. There will be no written jurisprudence examination administered.**
3. There was no public comment.

Attachment: Examining Endorsement Applicants

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Approved by (Board members present):

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## ***Examining Endorsement Applicants***

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### **Description of the Issue/Topic**

Can an applicant for a psychology license by endorsement be required to take a written jurisprudence examination?

### **Background Information**

RCW 18.83.170 states in part that the Board *may* grant a psychology license without written examination to applicants for endorsement given that specific criteria are met. Since the statutory language is permissive instead of directive, and, if the statute was the only consideration, the Board could require applicants to take and pass the written jurisprudence examination as planned in January.

However, WAC 246-924-100 states that candidates applying for license by endorsement shall be required to pass the oral examination. Nothing in this rule allows for a written examination.

As of today, we have thirty candidates eligible for the January oral examination. Fifteen of those are endorsement applicants.

Bob, Marc, and I have met and identified necessary statute and rule changes to allow the Board the maximum flexibility in the type of examination administered. Bob will ask DOH management to include the statutory changes in the Department's request legislation this next session. The rule change we will do internally.

### **Possible Options**

#1 Administer the revised oral and have a proctor read the jurisprudence examination orally – the candidate would record his/her answers on the bubble sheet.

#2 Do not implement revisions to the oral examination in January. Continue to administer the oral examination with the candidate providing the case summary and ask law examination questions as part of the oral.

#3 Use the vignette(s) developed by the Board for the oral and identify three to five jurisprudence questions to ask each candidate.

#4 Other options?

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